



Europe/Africa

Cartographer: Jorge Reinel

Date: 1534

Size: 79 X 59 cm

Location: University of Minnesota



Pedro Reinel (c. 1504). Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, Munich.

Pedro Reinel (c. 1462 – c. 1542) was a Portuguese cartographer, author of one of the oldest signed Portuguese nautical charts (c. 1485). This is a *portolan* chart, covering western Europe and part of Africa, and already reflecting the explorations made by Diogo Cão in 1482–1485. With his son Jorge Reinel (c. 1502 – c. 1572), and the cartographer Lopo Homem, Pedro Reinel participated in the construction of the well-known 1519 *Miller Atlas* (#329.1). His Atlantic Chart of c. 1504 is the earliest known nautical chart with a scale of latitudes, and the first to depict a wind rose with a clearly drawn *fleur-de-lys*. He has a Portuguese postage stamp in his honor.